

Building a Better INDOT with New Buildings

New facilities around the state are buoying INDOT's ability to more effectively serve as stewards of Indiana's roadways.

Recent openings of a new Aurora Subdistrict Building, Westfield Unit and Falls City Salt Building demonstrate INDOT's commitment to upgrade its service level to Hoosiers. Plus, even more new buildings are still on the horizon.

Aurora Subdistrict

A new modern subdistrict building will provide a more cohesive and efficient team.

The front office of the new building features a conference room that can be divided into two rooms; previously personnel had to hold trainings and conferences at a nearby fire station.

The new structure – encompassing nearly 18,000 square feet and built at a cost of \$4 million – was constructed next to an existing INDOT garage. The new building includes a new administrative area and garage that features two truck lifts, waste oil storage, truck pre-wash pit, wash bay, underbody wash system, crew locker, break room and a mechanical crane that the old garage never had.



The new Aurora Subdistrict building, located in Dearborn County, is part of the Seymour District.

The old subdistrict building will be turned into a cold storage facility, as will the old garage.

"The more efficient garage design is just one of the many features that will aid our efficiency," said Statewide Fleet & Facilities Director Steve McAvoy. "It includes a truck pre-wash pit that aids in the removal of heavy grit and a final wash bay that has an underbody wash and catwalks that workers can utilize to wash the beds of trucks safely."

Westfield Unit

Crews who moved into the new unit in March didn't travel far. The new structure was constructed at the existing unit site adjacent to the current salt building, which was built in 2012, and existing metal building unit.

The new building includes offices for the foreman and crew leader, a break room, locker area, men's and women's restrooms, a two-bay garage equipped with for light truck repair, a wash bay, and a bay

for secondary containment such as tar kettle. The masonry structure features an exterior of veneered utility brick that has an estimated life span of 50 years.

The new building replaces a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailer in which INDOT personnel performed administrative duties while the existing metal building was used for light truck



The new Westfield Unit structure (right), located in the Greenfield District, supplements an old metal building (left, foreground) and a salt building (left, background) built in 2012.

repair and washing. The FEMA trailer was relocated to the Corydon Unit, creating more room for the additional personnel of that combined unit. Westfield's original metal unit building, which a few years ago was modified into a single-bay metal garage, will now be used as cold storage. It was reskinned with a new metal wall and roof panels to match the new masonry structure.

"The site was in need of a complete overhaul to better serve INDOT's personnel and communities," McAvoy said. "The final addition of the new unit building completes the Westfield Unit's construction, creating an efficient and environmentally safe facility. The roof and walls are well-insulated and both exceed Indiana's updated energy code, which will translate to lower utility costs."

Falls City Subdistrict Salt Building

The new 6,925-square-foot building in Clarksville accentuates an existing salt dome. The new structure, rectangular with a fabric roof membrane, includes a drive-through design that enables INDOT employees to load salt into trucks inside the building.

The existing dome stores 2,400 tons of salt and includes a brine-maker, which will remain inside the dome.



The salt building is in the Seymour District.

"The new building stores 1,500 tons, increasing our salt-storage capacity for the entire subdistrict to 3,900 tons," said McAvoy. "The drive-through design vastly improves our efficiency by reducing our service time during a snow event, as does the fabric roof when compared to the dome's shingle roof."

More to Come

This will be a busy year for INDOT's facilities team. Among facilities scheduled to start construction or open in 2014 include:

- Brownstown Unit Renovation
- Brownstown Unit Salt Building



- Brownstown Unit Wash Bay
- Fort Wayne District's Materials and Test Building
- Lebanon Unit Building
- Lebanon Unit Salt Building
- West Lafayette Subdistrict Building
- West Lafayette Salt Building